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TROPICALS,
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Here & There



FERN HAWAIIAN NURSERY

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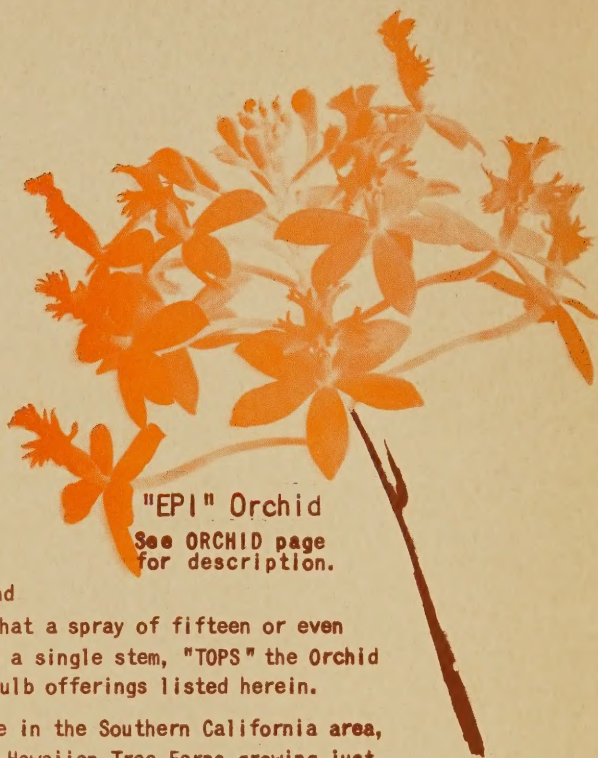
We, here at FERN HAWAIIAN NURSERY, present our 1955 Catalog of unusual and interesting plants and garden supplies including the sensational HAWAIIAN TREE FERN BARK ... "FERNWOOD" which is fast becoming the media for growing many different types of ORCHIDS.

We have tried to select the TROPICALS, we like ... from Gardens Here and There, adding a few interesting Non-Tropicals and supplies.

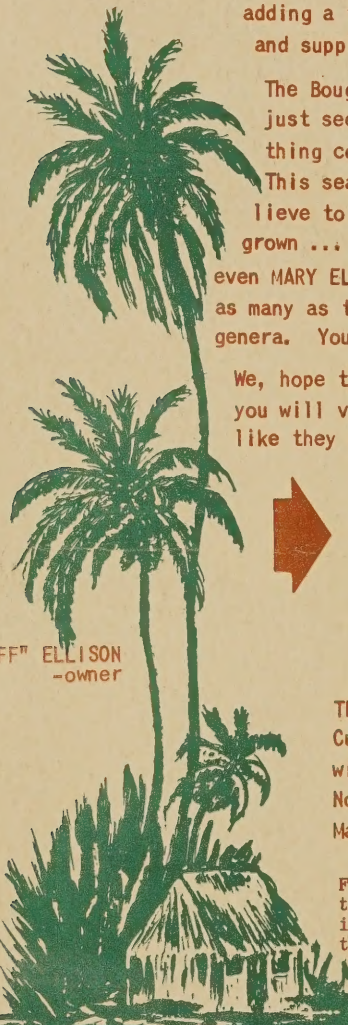
The Bougainvilleas and Hibiscus... just seem to be as Hawaiian as anything could be, without being NATIVE. This season we have added what we believe to be the most "exciting" Orchid grown ... at least that is our opinion and

even MARY ELLEN, that's the wife, agrees, that a spray of fifteen or even as many as twenty blooms of "CYMBIDIUMS" on a single stem, "TOPS" the Orchid genera. You will find our Cymbidium Back-bulb offerings listed herein.

We, hope that when you and your family are in the Southern California area, you will visit our Nursery, see our giant Hawaiian Tree Ferns growing just like they do in Hawaii.



"EPI" Orchid
See ORCHID page
for description.



"CLIFF" ELLISON
-owner

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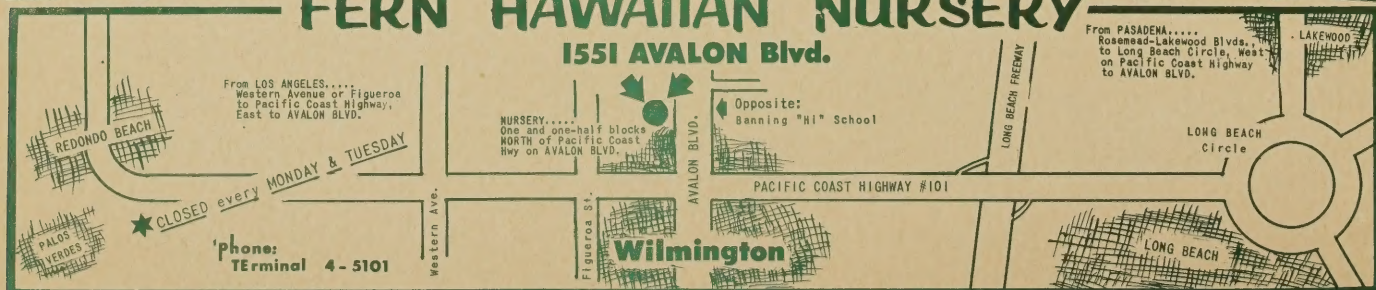
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visit our FERN FOREST garden

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Exotic

We offer the most popular and by far the most brilliant flowering vines and shrubs found anywhere... the BOUGAINVILLEA. It is an easy plant to grow, if given well drained soil and a sunny location, it will develop quickly. Remember, this is a sub-tropical plant, tender and should be grown indoors or in a greenhouse, except in sub-tropical climates. It requires much warmth, strong light, and sunshine to bloom best. A favorite of ours, as its shower of color no other plant can claim.

BOUGAINVILLEAS

AFTERGLOW...Orange-Salmon Flowers (Choice)
 BARBARA KARST...The Best of the Crimsons
 BRASILIENSES...Very showy Purple
 CALIFORNIA GOLD...Rich Gold bracts
 CONVENT...A new Magenta shade
 COPPER LUST...Yellow, Orange, Gold Shades
 CRIMSON LAKE...Bright Crimson
 LATERETIA...Brick Red
 MAGNIFICA...Scarlet Red
 ORANGE KING...Bronzy-Gold
 PANAMA QUEEN...Sweet Pea Pink
 PINK BEAUTY...Deep Pink
 ROSE QUEEN...Rose-Carmine Shades
 ROSEA...A good Rose shade
 SANDERIANA...Purple-Magenta shades
 SAN DIEGO RED...Very good Red
 SCARLETT O'HARA...Bright Red
 SNOW QUEEN...The Best of the Whites
 SUMMER SUN...Golden-Orange Shades
 SUNSET...Deep Golden-Yellow hues
 SPECTABLIS...A strong Purple
 and the sensational bush-type
 TEMPLE FIRE...A highly spectacular
 deep RED

\$200
 EACH
3 for \$5.

Here is another of Hawaii's exotic flora with lush tropical flowers, attractive foliage and of easy culture, when grown as a pot plant.

The Hibiscus, like most tropical plants does best when grown in a warm sunny location.

HIBISCUS



CROWN of BOHEMIA, double
 Most popular of all Hibiscus. Combines the colors of Autumn...Gold, Copper & Orange

RED MONARCH, double
 Huge flowers of deep Crimson

PARADISE MOON, single
 Bright Yellow with snow White centers

ROYAL RED, double
 Scarlet, shaded Crimson

THE BRIDE, single
 Blush-pink to frost White

HILO, single
 Yellow, with Rose center

KONA, double
 Delightful Shrimp-pink

KATE SESSIONS, single
 Velvety Amber-pink flowers

AMERICAN BEAUTY, single
 Bright Pink

SAN DIEGO RED, single
 A good Crimson-red

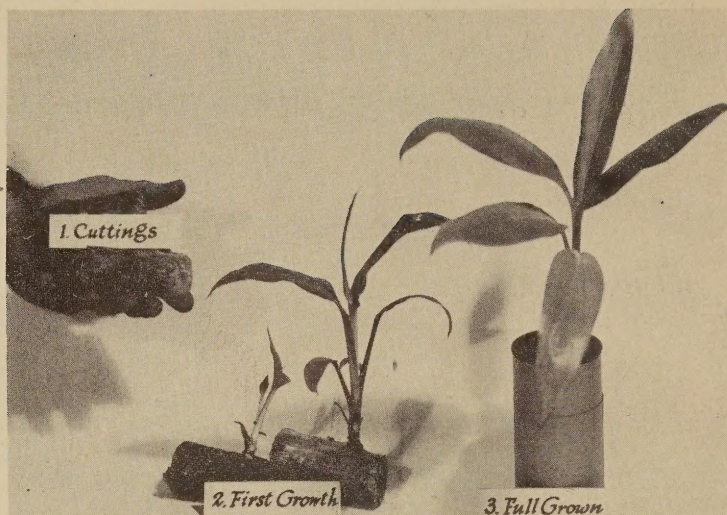
PRESIDENT, single
 Extra large flowers...rich RED

KAUAI, single
 Rose pink

WHITE WINGS, single
 White, with Carmine throat

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RED "Ti"

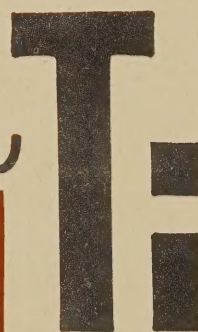
..... Visitors to the Islands will always remember the "Ti" leaves, for it is this leaf that the natives make "Hulu" skirts and the cook wraps the food for cooking. Those are the popular Green leaves.

..... NOW, we offer the rare "RED TI" which is so popular in the Islands as a house plant. You may now grow them, for we have secured the cane from one of the leading growers. The "Ti" will grow in soil or water.

EACH CUTTING IS 3 INCHES LONG with LIVE EYES

Hawaiian

3 for \$1⁰⁰



(TEA)

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orchids



CYMBIDIUMS



TODAY, the Cymbidium Orchid ranks in popularity at the "TOP" of the Flower Lover's list, and we here in California are indeed fortunate to live in the center of Cymbidium land -- for these exotic spray orchids may be found at florists from here to Maine. Canada to Mexico, and we are proud to offer a choice selection of HYBRID BACK-BULBS, each rooted and with one or more side shoots started.

Each BULB will be labeled, showing the cross, or established name. Many of these bulbs have been sold for as high as Ten Dollars each, and when grown to blooming size plants will be worth many times the price which we are offering them. Cymbidiums are very easy to grow. Require little care and are almost pest free, thus, the Cymbidium will give the greatest amount of garden pleasure, for the least amount of care. Cymbidiums bloom during the Winter and Spring months, and of course POT culture is required where the temperature drops below 28.

Color range is extremely wide -- pinks, chartreuse, greens, bronze tones, ivory, yellow and white. While at this low price, we cannot sort colors, and crosses; we will not send you duplication of crosses or named bulbs. You will receive a fine assortment of rooted BACK-BULBS, each with new growth.

'EPI' orchids


The "EPI" short for EPIDENDRUM, are an extremely hardy orchid, and in our milder climates they grow with little effort on the gardener's part.

In colder climates they like a warm sunny window during the cold months and may be moved outdoors in the mild weather periods.

"EPI'S" are prolific bloomers. Colors range from Light Lavender thru Dusty Rose and Fuschia, reds thru strong yellows and orange. We offer select "keikis" (small plants).

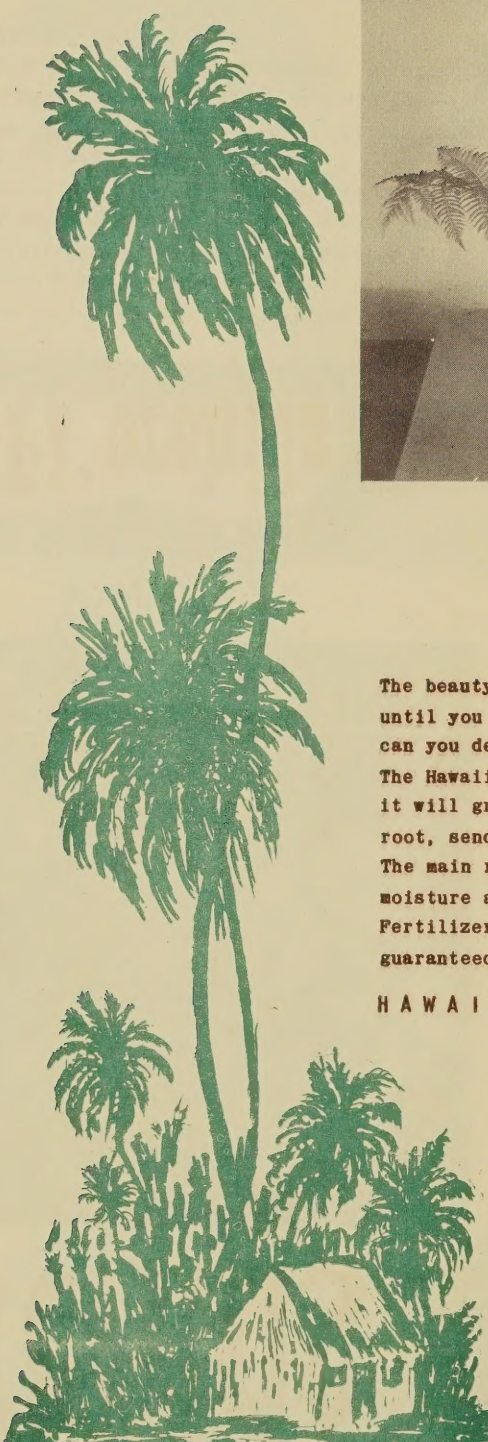


\$ 1.50 ea.



4 for \$5.00
12 for \$12.00

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HAWAIIAN FERNS

The beauty of the Hawaiian Tree Fern cannot be fully appreciated until you have thrilled to the unfurling of a new frond. Only then can you describe the most beautiful fern frond you have ever seen. The Hawaiian Tree Fern (Fern Burl) is a very versatile plant, for it will grow in water (as a burl) or planted in soil, the fern will root, sending out exotic fronds and give many years of pleasure. The main requirement for growing the Hawaiian Tree Fern is ample moisture and regular feeding (we recommend Hawaiian Island Fish Fertilizer, deodorized) every two weeks. All our ferns are 100% guaranteed to grow, if the simple directions are followed.

HAWAIIAN FERNS.....

Grow in SOIL or WATER

 small ferns \$2.00

Special

ALL DIFFERENT SIZES

3 for \$5⁰⁰

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HERBS

Every garden should have at least a few

AROMATIC,
MEDICINAL &
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Their uses are numerous and important, being used either fresh or dried.

ANISE...For Flavoring & Cordials.
BALM...Balm Tea for Fevers.
BASIL...Flavoring: Soups, Stews, etc.
BORAGE...Leaves used for seasoning.
CATNIP...Leaves used for seasoning.
CARAWAY...Grown for its seed.
CARDOON...Midribs eaten
CHERVIL...Leaves used for seasoning.
CHICORY (Witloof)...For salads.
CHICORY (Magdeburg)...Coffee substitute.
CORIANDER...Seeds used in Baking.
CITRON...For making Preserves.
CRESS...Leaves like Parsley.
DANDELION...Eaten like Endive.
DILL...Much used for Pickling
FENNEL...Eaten Raw and in Salads.
FINNOCHIO...Same as Fennel
FLORENCE...Same as Fennel
SWEET FENNEL...For Medicinal purposes.
HOREHOUND...Seasoning & Cough Remedy.
HYSSOP...For Pickling & Tonics
LAVENDER...An aromatic Herb.
PARSLEY...Hardy Italian.
ROSEMARY...Flavoring for Meats, etc.
RUE...Bitter flavoring for medicines.
SAFFRON...Used for Coloring & Flavoring.
SAGE...Seasoning for Dressings.
SORREL...Served like Spinach.
SUMMER SAVORY...Flavoring for Foods.
SWEET MARJORAM...Flavoring & Medicinal.
THYME...Shoots used for seasoning.
TOBACCO...A Good Cigar Tobacco.

25¢ per pkt.

GINGERS

.....Hawaiian GINGERS have long been a favorite with the Tourists, and it is surprising how well they will do over here, as a pot plant or specimen.

WHITE GINGER...

(Hedychium coronarium)

YELLOW GINGER...

(Hedychium flavum)

KAHILI GINGER...

(Hedychium gardnerianum)

The Hedychium gingers are fragrant

SHELL GINGER...

(Alpinia nutans)

\$1⁰⁰ per root



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Bird of Paradise

Strelitzia reginae

Here is Hawaii's most famous flower: "The BIRD"
Exotic colors - red, blue, orange-yellow makes
this the most sought after of all tropicals.

The small banana like leaves of the Strelitzia
reginae, plus the long stems of the flowers
enhance the exotic beauty of the garden or
greenhouse. A sub-tropical plant.

The Bird of Paradise may be grown as a house plant, the requirements are
a large container, good rich loam, perfect drainage, a warm sunny window
and the "BIRD" will reward your efforts. During the warm summer months
the plant should be grown out-of-doors.

small plants

\$1.50 ea.

blooming size

\$7.50 ea.

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seed:
20 FOR \$1



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the ONLY Planter MIX

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FERNWOOD

FIBER added



THE DIFFERENCE
FEEL THE DIFFERENCE
WATCH THE DIFFERENCE ...
as your plants GROW

120
cu. in. BAG \$1.00

DIRECTIONS—

WHY A HOUSE PLANT MIX:

House plants by the very fact that they are indoors, are growing in an abnormal condition at best. Since earth and soil tend to keep back the growing factors as a plant is moved into the house, a special mix is made to use that does not pack, dry out too quickly and hold back air as it gets into a planter or confined area of the pot and provides the best growing medium.

ABOUT THE MIX: (Note the dark rich look of this mix.)

Hawaiian Island house plant mix originates from an old tropical planting mix developed in the Hawaiian Islands many years ago. It has been improved by research for the average household conditions on the mainland. In the mix is the famous fern fiber milled from the huge trunks of the ferns of Hawaii. The mix contains lava rock from the Island's volcanoes. This rock imparts to the mix good air circulation and keeps the mix from packing.

In the mix is a special redwood leaf mold from the forest giants of California; highest grade of peat for PH and moisture control; and laboratory tested leaf mold free from disease. Your mix contains charcoal allowing you to put it into containers that have no drainage of their own.

HOW TO USE THE MIX: (by Gordon Baker Lloyd, nationally known horticultural authority)

- Step 1: Moisten mix before using. Press out excess moisture. (Mixture should be like a wrung-out dishrag.)
- Step 2: Gently shake off excess dirt from around roots of plant.
- Step 3: Plant the plant in usual manner filling in with the damp mix.
- Step 4: Water plant.

WATERING:

Do not guess when to water any indoor plant. Rewater when by touch, or by feeling a little below the surface. If the mix is beginning to get dry then water until thoroughly moist. With this mix you can water equally well from the top or the bottom of your container.

FEEDING:

Every 6 weeks feed with Hawaiian Island House Plant Food (a product of Hawaii), made for all indoor plants.

HOUSE PLANT TIPS:

This mix works equally well for African violets both as a rooting medium and growing medium... any green plant likes plenty of light. Keep your plants in strong light. If the only window has direct sun, cut glare with waxed paper, drawn drape, or venetian blinds... House plants must have ample humidity. The mix provides part of that. More humidity can be supplied by having an open vessel of water in your plant area; by growing your potted plants on trays filled with Volcanic Rock, thus keeping the rock moist at all times.

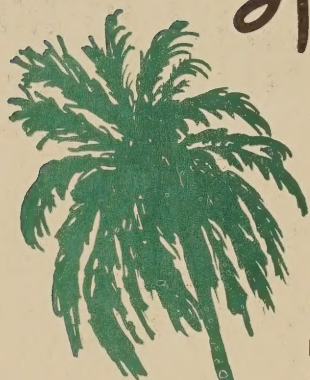
Try watering at room temperature to avoid sudden shock. House plants must have fresh air, but never in drafty locations. I have worked with Hawaiian Island House Plant Mix on many kinds of indoor plants—it works wonders! This mix and the related Hawaiian Island Indoor Plant Products carry my seal of approval. Your guarantee of complete satisfaction.

HAWAIIAN ISLAND PRODUCTS CO.

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Hawaiian

FERNWOOD



Orchid growers -- both the commercial and the amateur are discovering that Hawaiian Tree Fern materials are the ideal medium for stimulating plant growth. The native calls Fernwood products "HAPU" and has long known the value of this media in relation to ORCHID growing.

Here on the Mainland, Fernwood during the past few years has found a most receptive audience. Among the many items which are manufactured from the tree fern trunks are: Totem Poles; Pots or Jardinieres; Slabs, Cube Planters, Tray Planters; Natural surface Slabs; various degrees of Fiber - medium, coarse and fine are obtainable in Screened condition and coarse is available Unscreened also. Of late, a demand for "CHUNKS" has become popular with Orchid growers. These are used for mounting their Cattleyas and Phalaenopsis plants.

Many growers of TROPICAL PLANTS are finding that the addition of FERNWOOD FIBER to their planting medium helps to build up a good moisture holding ability, most essential to plant growth. Recently a new planter mix for House Plants was introduced to mainland growers, the formula is based on an old Hawaiian mixture and the most important ingredient is HAWAIIAN FERNWOOD FIBER.

The largest portion of the Tree Fern production is in the making of TOTEM POLES for growing IVY and PHILODENDRONS, which may be found in Florists from Coast to Coast.

The plants root easily in the FERNWOOD Pole, making a new HOBBY item for the Indoor gardener.



PHILODENDRON growing on a HAWAIIAN FERNWOOD TOTEM POLE

FERNWOOD TOTEM POLES

2" x 2" x 18"\$.35 each
2" x 2" x 24"60 " "
2" x 2" x 36"	1.00 " "
3" x 3" x 24"	1.25 " "
3" x 3" x 36"	2.25 " "
4" x 4" x 36"	3.00 " "
4" x 4" x 48"	4.00 " "

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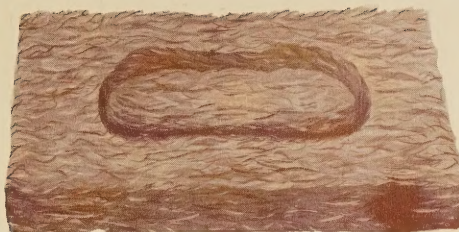
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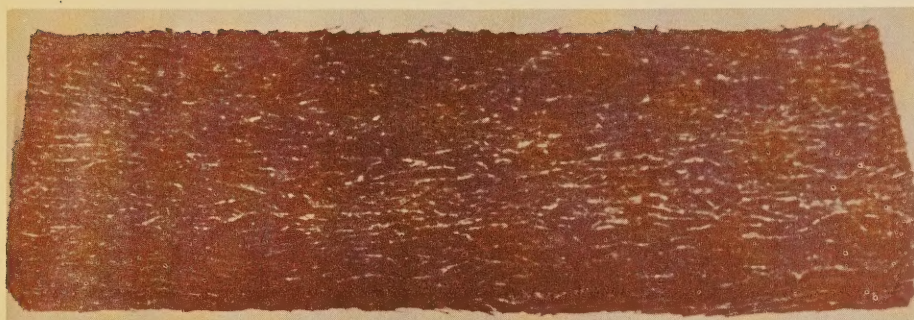
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CUBE PLANTERS
for
ORCHID SEEDLINGS**



FERNWOOD TRAY PLANTERS
Ideal for mounting
STAG HORN FERNS etc



FERNWOOD POTS



FERNWOOD SLABBING

FERNWOOD SLABBING ...		Lengths:	
3/4 inches THICK		24 inch	48 inch
4 inch - width	\$.40	.....\$ .75	
6 " " " " " " .....	.60	..... 1.10	
8 " " " " " " .....	.75	..... 1.35	
2 inches THICK			
4 inch - width	\$.75	.....\$ 1.35	
6 " " " " " "	1.25	..... 2.00	
8 " " " " " "	2.00	..... 3.59	
NATURAL (surface) SLABBING ...			
5 inch - width	\$ 1.25	.....\$ 2.00	

CUBE PLANTERS ...

2"x2" ...	.12 ea.	\$ 1.20 per dozen
3"x3" ...	.18 "	1.80 " " "
4"x4" ...	.25 "	2.50 " " "
5"x5" ...	.40 "	4.00 " " "

TRAY PLANTERS ...

6"x9" .	\$ 1.00 ea.	\$ 5.00 for SIX
8"x12" .	1.50 "	7.50 " "
10"x15" .	2.00 "	10.00 " "

FERNWOOD POTS ... Design: NATURAL

8 inches for 4" pot ...	\$ 2.00 each
10 " " " " 5" " ...	3.00 " "
12 " " " " 6" " ...	4.00 " "
14 " " " " 7" " ...	7.00 " "

FERNWOOD FIBER ...

Grade:	Bag Size:	
	440 cu.in.	1 1/2 cu.ft.
MEDIUM, screened ..	\$ 2.00 ea.	\$ 7.75 ea.
COARSE, " " " " ..	1.75 "	7.25 "
FINE, " " " " ..	1.75 "	7.50 "
COARSE UNSCREENED .	1.50 "	7.00 "
CHUNKS (2 cu. ft. bags only)		10.00 "

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**HAWAIIAN
ISLAND**

**House
Plant Mix**
and
FERNwood fiber

**Plant
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**Fish
Fertilizer**
Deodorized

*The
Hawaiian
Island
Brand*



Details about the
HAWAIIAN ISLAND PLANTER MIX
on page nine.



Plant Tablets...
35 tablets for 30¢



Deodorized for
INDOOR PLANTS
2 oz. Bottle 35¢
4 oz. Bottle 60¢
8 oz. Bottle \$1.00

"TOPS" in Fertilizer

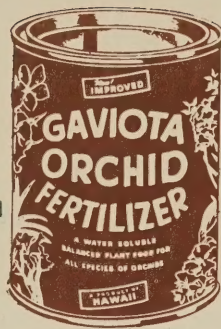
A 10-12-10 fertilizer created especially for:

ORCHIDS - all types

Used by the leading orchid growers in Hawaii.

A product of HAWAII

\$ 1.75 per lb



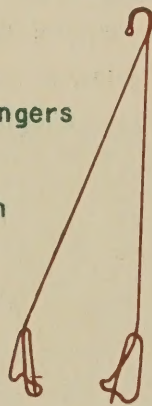
4 pkgs (96 plates) \$ 1.00

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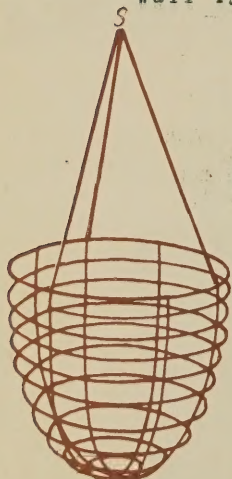
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25¢ each



Hanging Type

Wall Type



Wire Baskets

8 inch	\$.85
10 "	"	1.25
12 "	"	1.75
14 "	"	2.25
16 "	"	3.00
18 "	"	3.75
including Hanger		

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Not haphazard and scattered, but a *solid defense line* against the nightly forays of *snails and slugs* on your plants in flower beds, pots, greenhouses—wherever they are. Dead Snail Tape is effective wet or dry, is not edibly attractive to children or pets, contains no arsenic.

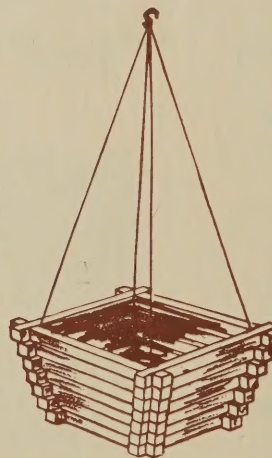
25 ft ROLL 65¢



ANTROL INSECT SPRAY

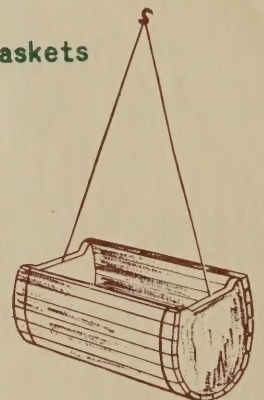
BOMB TYPE insect spray for your House plants and African Violets. Kills: Mealy bugs; mites; aphids; and other sucking insects.

\$ 1.25 per can



INTER-LOCKING
Tapered type
BASKETS

12 inch \$ 2.75



Redwood Baskets

LOG TYPE BASKETS		
8 inch	\$	2.00
10 "	"	2.25
12 "	"	2.50
14 "	"	2.75

Redwood Tubs

A fine grade of select CALIFORNIA REDWOOD.

10" TUB
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